

# “THE MISSOURI RIVER SKIPPER”

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## **SCHEDULE OF FLOTILLA MEETINGS FOR THE GREAT PLAINS DIVISION**

085-33-01	Omaha, NE	3rd Monday
085-33-02	Lincoln, NE	2nd Tuesday
085-33-03	NP Dodge Park, NE	3rd Tuesday
085-33-04	Des Monies, IA	2nd Saturday
085-33-06	Johnston IA, IA	3rd Sunday

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**Please remember to check out the website at:**

**[http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW\\_signin.php?unit=](http://wow.uscgaux.info/WOW_signin.php?unit=)**

## Staff Roster

Division Commander ..... George McNary  
 Vice Division Commander ..... Brandon Butters  
 Immediate Past Commander ..... Barclay Stebbins  
 Flotilla Commander 01 ..... James Miller  
 Flotilla Commander 02 ..... Constance Walters  
 Flotilla Commander 03 ..... Randal Evans  
 Flotilla Commander 04 ..... Renee Thomas  
 Flotilla Commander 06 ..... John Hawkinson  
 Finance (SO-FN) ..... Randal Evans  
 Secretary of Records (SO-SR) ..... Barbara Westcott

**Chief of Logistics** ..... Douglas Eubanks  
 Communication Services (SO-CS) ..... Douglas Eubanks  
 Human Resources (SO-HR) ..... James Miller  
 Information Services ..... Doug Eubanks  
 Materials (SO-MA) ..... Bernie McNary  
 Public Affairs (SO-PA) ..... James Westcott  
 Publications (SO-PB) ..... Barbara Westcott  
 Diversity (SO-DV) ..... James Westcott

**Chief of Prevention** ..... Bill Montz  
 Member Services (SO-MS) ..... Roland Newton  
 Member Training (SO-MT) ..... Jean Goble  
 Navigation Systems (SO-NS) ..... Warren Koehler  
 Public Education (SO-PE) ..... James Miller  
 Public Visitation (SO-PV) ..... Alyse Bondi  
 Vessel Examination (SO-VE) ..... Alyse Bondi

**Chief of Response** ..... Roland Newton  
 Communications (SO-CM) ..... Roland Newton  
 Operations (SO-OP) ..... George McNary

Liaison to Iowa ..... Pauline Longnecker  
 Liaison to Nebraska ..... Constance Walters  
 Liaison to Gasconade ..... Barclay Stebbins  
 Liaison to Bass Pro Council Bluff ..... Jean Goble  
 Liaison to Bass Pro Des Moines ..... Bill Eggers  
 Liaison to Cabela's ..... James Wolfe

## DIVISION COMMANDER'S MESSAGE SUMMER 2018



### DCDR's Message

Soon the results of the division and flotilla elections should be available. Congratulations to your new Bridge. As always, thank you to all who submitted their name to run for office, your willingness to volunteer is the backbone of the Auxiliary. Planning at the division meeting will include the setting of the Change of Watch meeting. This is an impressive ceremony and I encourage you to attend.

The patrol season was a bust. Several boat crew members will be in REYR to start next boating season. We are all in this together, so we will need a team effort early next boating season to get those members the hours and check-rides they need.

Planning for AUXSTATION Omaha was put on hold after the first flood and has languished there. The division is still planning on finalizing the PQS and getting the equipment installed. In addition, the P-6 pump is waiting for members to train on it. Look for plans to accomplish this, the AUX-STATION stand-up and other boat crew activities in the spring.

Thanks to those who came to the division picnic with the Gasconade in honor of Coast Guard day, and those who worked the PA event at World of Water. As a division these are quality activities that benefit the Coast Guard, the Auxiliary and the boating public.

The Spring D-Train will be April 11-14 in Little Rock Arkansas. This event will have quality training for members and everyone should review the flyer in the Skipper to make plans to attend.

I'd like to make public acknowledgement that a good friend of the Auxiliary, Herb Angell has retired. His actions towards the Auxiliary has done more to advance our presence with the boating public than almost any other action by anyone and his support and friendship have made our jobs easier, and to a large degree, more successful then we could ever accomplish alone. Thank you, Herb!

On a final note, this will be my last DCDR message to you, I have enjoyed being your Division Commander, and especially the many hours working with you, to accomplish the mission of the Auxiliary. My wish for you is "*Fair winds and following seas*".

Semper Paratus!

George W. McNary  
DCDR 33



*Division 33 of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary*

*Respectfully Request the Honor of You  
and Your Significant Other's Presence*

*At the 2018  
Division Meeting, Training and Election Dinner*

*To be held at CQuence Training Facility  
On November 17, 2018  
(Meeting and Training to start at 1000 Hrs)*

*Followed by the Election Dinner at 1700 Hrs  
(to be held at the Jack and Mary's Restaurant  
115th North of W. Dodge Rd)*

*R.S.V.P. to your Flotilla Commander  
No later than November 13. 2018*

*Dress code for the meeting and training will be  
Tropical Blue Uniform or Business wear.*



# THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

By Jim Westcott, SO-DV/PA

## THE DIVERSITY ALPHABET

Provided by Barb Westcott, SO-SR/PB

- A ABILITIES DON'T DEFINE US
- B BEAUTY COMES FROM THE HEART
- C COMMUNICATE CLEARLY WITH EVERYONE
- D DIVERSITY WORKS
- E EVERYONE IS UNIQUE
- F FRIENDLINESS IS CONTAGIOUS
- G GREATNESS COMES FROM WITHIN
- H HELP OTHERS
- I INVESTIGATE DIFFERENCES
- J JUST BE YOURSELF
- K KINDNESS IS STRENGTH
- L LISTEN TO OTHERS
- M MEASURED APPROACH TO EVERYTHING



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N	NEVER OVERLOOK A PERSON'S ABILITIES
O	OPPORTUNITY FOR EVERYONE
P	POSSIBILITIES ARE EVERYWHERE
Q	QUALITY COMES IN ALL FORMS
R	RESPECT OTHERS UNIQUENESS
S	SAMENESS DOES NOT ALWAYS GET THE JOB DONE
T	TRY ALL AVENUES
U	UNIQUENESS IS A GREAT QUALITY
V	VARIOUS PEOPLE HAVE VARIOUS IDEAS
W	WELCOME ALL ABILITIES

## AUXILIARY

### ACCEPT DIVERSITY IN ALL THINGS



**This information regarding the Flotilla/Division Designations  
was forwarded by Todd J. Wilkinson, AUXPA1**

Greetings DSOs PA and PB,

For years, there has been much confusion over the way to designate flotilla and division numbers in publications. The Public Affairs Directorate has changed the policy for how flotillas are to be designated in Auxiliary publications at all levels.

As of August 31, 2018, a flotilla will be described by its name as it appears in AuxDirectory, without any unit numbers.

Examples:

Flotilla 43 in District 7 would be described as “Lake County Flotilla, Florida, participated in...”.

Another example would be “Jim Smith, Flotilla Commander of the San Diego Flotilla, said...” The only time the state is required to be shown is when there could be confusion surrounding the flotilla’s location.

In the case of divisions, the division number will still be used unless the division has a name assigned to it in AuxDirectory.

Examples:

“Division 5 in southeast Florida” or “The Oahu Division, Hawaii”



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Publications already “at press” are grandfathered from this change. Future publications should reflect the new style.

I believe that this will also assist in helping market your flotillas. Currently the public does not understand our numbering system and by seeing the Flotilla name, this will give the public a starting point, if they wish to contact the flotilla or division.

The applicable PA and PB manuals will be updated to reflect this change.

Thank you

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## PLEASE UPDATE YOUR SKILLS BANK PROFILE

The Coast Guard Auxiliary is a key force multiplier, both for the operational realm, and for its members' wide array of talents, occupations and critical skills that are usable in mission support. The primary tool for identifying your occupations and skills is the Auxiliary's Skills Bank located at:

[https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/skills\\_bank/skills\\_dash.php](https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/skills_bank/skills_dash.php).

Your member login credentials are required for access.

Having an entry in the Skills Bank will not itself guarantee augmentation of the Active Duty component; but the Skills Bank is what the USCG will initially consult when identifying Auxiliary members according to needs of the service and geographical locations.

It is easy for you to get into the Skills Bank to add or update your information. You can do this easily through the AUXdirectory/AUXofficer web page and provide information in minutes.

Go to this link:

<https://auxofficer.cgaux.org/auxoff/unitstaff.php>

and use your member login to access the Directory Dashboard. Then follow the directions below:

**To add or edit your Skills Bank entries, please perform the following steps:  
Use the link above or:**

1. Go to the National web site. Click on Aux Members. Click on Auxiliary Directory.
2. At the top right part of the Auxiliary Directory's page, type your Member ID in the first search field. Then click on the gray bar labeled [Search].
3. Only your own entry will appear in the search results. Click on your name.
4. When your individual page appears, scroll down through your personal details to where you see Skills Bank Detail.
5. Review and update your Skills Bank entries as instructed in the red-framed text box. Click on the gray bar underneath the red-framed text box labeled [Correct the Above Information].
6. The page titled: "Change of Member Information" will now appear.
7. On the left-hand side under "Occupation," scroll down and select a category." Then on the right side, scroll down to select your specific specialty.
8. Below "Occupation" is a separate area for "Skills." You can enter up to ten skills. The first "Skills" entry would match your one "Occupation" entry – a financial advisor by profession is also a financial advisor by skill. But you may have additional skills beyond your occupation - for example, a computer programmer might also be an experienced carpenter. As in the case of "Occupation," select a "Skills" category on the left, then a specific specialty on the right.
9. Be sure to click on the gray bar on the bottom labeled [Submit Changes] when you are done with your updates. Your unit IS will then finalize your changes in AUXDATA and the Skills Bank.

The following article can be found at:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2018/09/11/u-s-coast-guard-auxiliary-establishes-sea-scouts-as-its-official-youth-program/>

## U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary establishes Sea Scouts as its official youth program

September 11, 2018 Bryan Wendell Sea Scouting 0 Comments



The BSA and the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary announced a new agreement to make Sea Scouts the official youth program of the Auxiliary, the uniformed volunteer component of the U.S. Coast Guard.

The new agreement, which is an enhancement of the longtime friendship between these two organizations, will benefit both parties. **Sea Scouts** will get access to state-of-the-art Coast Guard training, Auxiliary vessels and a broader pool of adult leaders. **The Auxiliary** will extend its message about safe boating and maritime careers to more young people.

For Sea Scouts, the Coast Guard Auxiliary will lower its entry age from 17 to 14.

“The BSA is proud to continue our partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary as we continually strive to improve leadership development, real-life skill-building and unique STEM training through the Sea Scout program,” said Mike Surbaugh, BSA Chief Scout Executive.

This new partnership will begin in Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, and portions of New York, Ohio and Pennsylvania before a nationwide rollout.

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## How Sea Scouts benefit

Access to training at Auxiliary or Coast Guard facilities, including advanced training in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM

Free safety checks on Sea Scouts vessels

An invitation to Auxiliary unit meetings as guests of the Auxiliary

Access to Auxiliary flotillas as chartered organizations

A broader pool of adult leaders with seamanship skills and training

Access to vessels for training

“Working with the Coast Guard Auxiliary will give Sea Scouts an opportunity to benefit from Coast Guard seamanship and vocational training, while giving Sea Scouts a unique introduction to the Coast Guard,” said Admiral Wurster, Sea Scout National Commodore.

## How the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary benefits

Introducing young people to the benefits of Auxiliary membership and the joys of recreational boating

Potential Coast Guard Academy candidates

Promotion of the Auxiliary’s message of safe boating and service to the nation to future leaders

“With this cooperative effort we will reach out to the emerging population of young adults who share the Auxiliary’s commitment to safe boating, service to the nation, and Coast Guard and maritime careers,” said Rick Washburn, Auxiliary National Commodore.

## For more information

For more information about Sea Scouts, check out [seascout.org](http://seascout.org). Questions about the Coast Guard Auxiliary’s support of Sea Scouting should be directed to Bruce Johnson at [bruce.johnson@cgauxnet.us](mailto:bruce.johnson@cgauxnet.us)





Pauline Lomgnecker, IPFC, FSO-CM/MT/OP, Flotilla 33-3, NP Dodge Park and Jim Westcott, VFC, FSO- PA/DV, Flotilla 33-1, Omaha Ne, presenting a plaque and gift card to Herb Angell upon his retirement as the Nebraska Game and Parks Boating Law Administrator.

Picture by Barb Westcott



Great Plains Division members that attended the retirement of Herb Angell, Boating Law Administrator, from left to right: Karl Rasmussen, FSO- MA; Annette Rasmussen, FSO-SR/HR; Pauline Longnecker, IPFC, FSO-CM/MT/OP, Flotilla 33-3, NP Dodge Park; Barb Westcott, IPFC, FSO-CS/PB, and Jim Westcott, VFC, FSO-PA/DV, Flotilla 33-1, Omaha Ne

Picture by Unknown



The following article was published in the  
Scottish Rite Journal September/October 2018 issue

## CHIPS FROM THE QUARRY

WE PROUDLY FEATURE THE MEN WHO VALIANTLY SERVED IN THE VARIOUS MILITARY BRANCHES AND WHO HAVE ALSO HAD ACTIVE CAREERS AS FREEMASONS! THIS CURRENT COLUMN FEATURES A FEW OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD OFFICERS WHO WERE ALSO MEMBERS OF THE CRAFT.



**WILLIAM E. REYNOLDS**, THE FIRST OFFICER OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD TO BECOME AN ADMIRAL, WAS ALSO A FREEMASON! REYNOLDS BELONGED TO GIBRALTAR LODGE NO. 43, PHILADELPHIA.



**HARRY G. HAMLET**, REAR ADMIRAL, COMMANDANT U.S. COAST GUARD, PAST MASTER OF SEMPER PARATUS LODGE NO. 49, WASHINGTON, D.C., AND A NATIONAL SOJOURNER. HE RECEIVED THE 33° (SJ) ON OCT. 19, 1943.



**RUSSELL R. WAESCHE** (1886-1946) ADMIRAL, U.S. COAST GUARD WAS APPOINTED COMMANDANT OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD IN 1936. HE RECEIVED HIS DEGREES IN ACACIA LODGE NO. 155 (MD.) ON APRIL 6, 7, 8, 1908.



**MERLIN O'NEILL** (1898-1981), VADM AND COMMANDANT OF THE U.S. COAST GUARD, 1950-1954, GRADUATING FROM THE USCG ACADEMY IN 1921. HE WAS A MEMBER OF DORIC LODGE NO. 205, L.A., AND SEMPER PARATUS LODGE NO. 49, DC.

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